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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: **James Brian VROTACOE, et al.**  
Serial No.: 09/893,757  
Filed: June 27, 2001  
For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING A TUBULAR PRINTING  
BLANKET**  
Art Unit: 2854  
Examiner: Stephen Funk

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 21, 2003

Sir:

In response to the final office action dated December 4, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following remarks and amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 16, 17 and 19 without prejudice.

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1. (Twice Amended) A device for manufacturing a printing blanket comprising:  
a continuously axially-moving and manufactured base sleeve;  
a liquid applicator applying a radiation-curing polymer to the base sleeve; and  
a radiation source curing the radiation-curing polymer.

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10. (Twice Amended) A method for forming a tubular printing blanket comprising the